

Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2005 11:04 PM
To: NIEHS NICEATM
Subject: Draize Test

Dear Dr. William Stokes,

I am writing to you about my concern over the Draize eye irritancy test. I am urging the ICCVAM/NICEATM to do the following:

1. I recommend that federal agencies immediately begin accepting the alternative methods to the Draize test that are found to be useful.
2. Please move forward with recommended improvements in the alternatives without delaying the acceptance of the tests' current forms.
3. Please go beyond the current efforts by developing and validating nonanimal methods to completely replace the use of the Draize test.

Thank you for your time and concern on this issue.

Sincerely,
Rachel Yenkinson